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An Act To Protect Wild Trout from Exotic Species

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12757-A is enacted to read:

§ 12757-A. Stocking splake

1. Prohibition. A person may not stock splake in any waters that drain into or out of wild trout waters that are listed in the department rules.

2. Penalty. The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

B. A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

Sec. 2. Splake stocking. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall prepare a list of waters suitable for splake stocking.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the stocking of splake in any waters that drain into or out of wild trout waters. The bill also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to prepare a list of waters that are suitable for splake stocking.